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Reports of Explorations and Surveys of the Thirty Fifth Parallel
 A Project by Dan Hoffman
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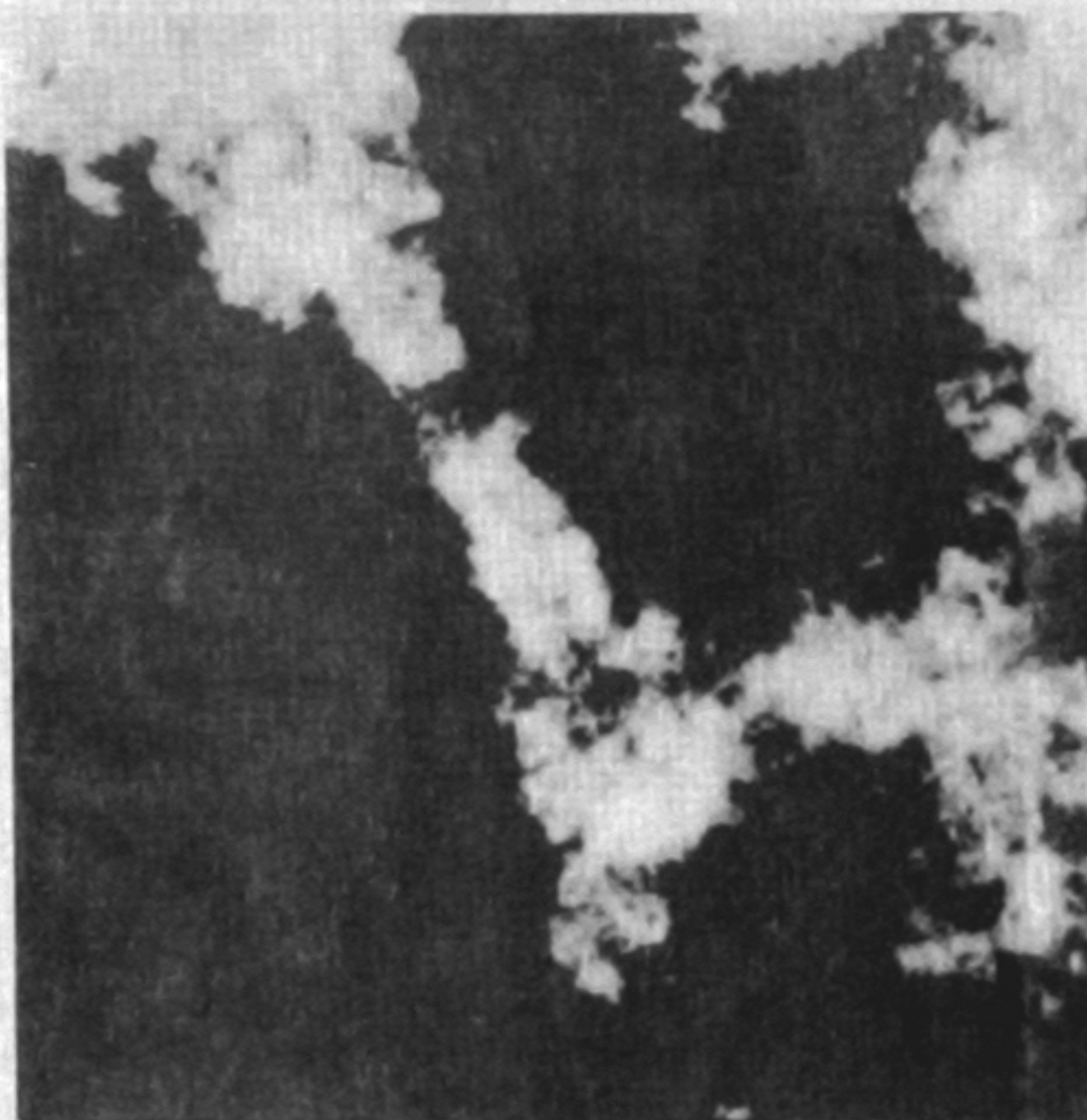
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Multidimensional fractal cloud imagery
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DEGREES OF PARADISE THE STATE OF HEAVEN by Mel Chin

1991
 September 13-October 26
 Gallery Hours: Tuesday-Saturday, 12-6pm
 Opening Reception: September 13, 6-8pm

A drum performance by Hearn Gadbois and Tim Sternberg

DEGREES OF PARADISE is an installation to introduce Mel Chin's major effort in progress called THE STATE OF HEAVEN, a project centered on an immense floating hand-knotted carpet serving as a symbolic and sacrificial sky, which will be placed under a directive that parallels the actual destruction of the ozone layer.

DEGREES OF PARADISE is made possible through the generous support of the New York State Council on the Arts' Individual Sponsored Program and The Fabric Workshop. Special aid and collaboration through McGill University, Department of Physics and the National Center for Supercomputing Applications.

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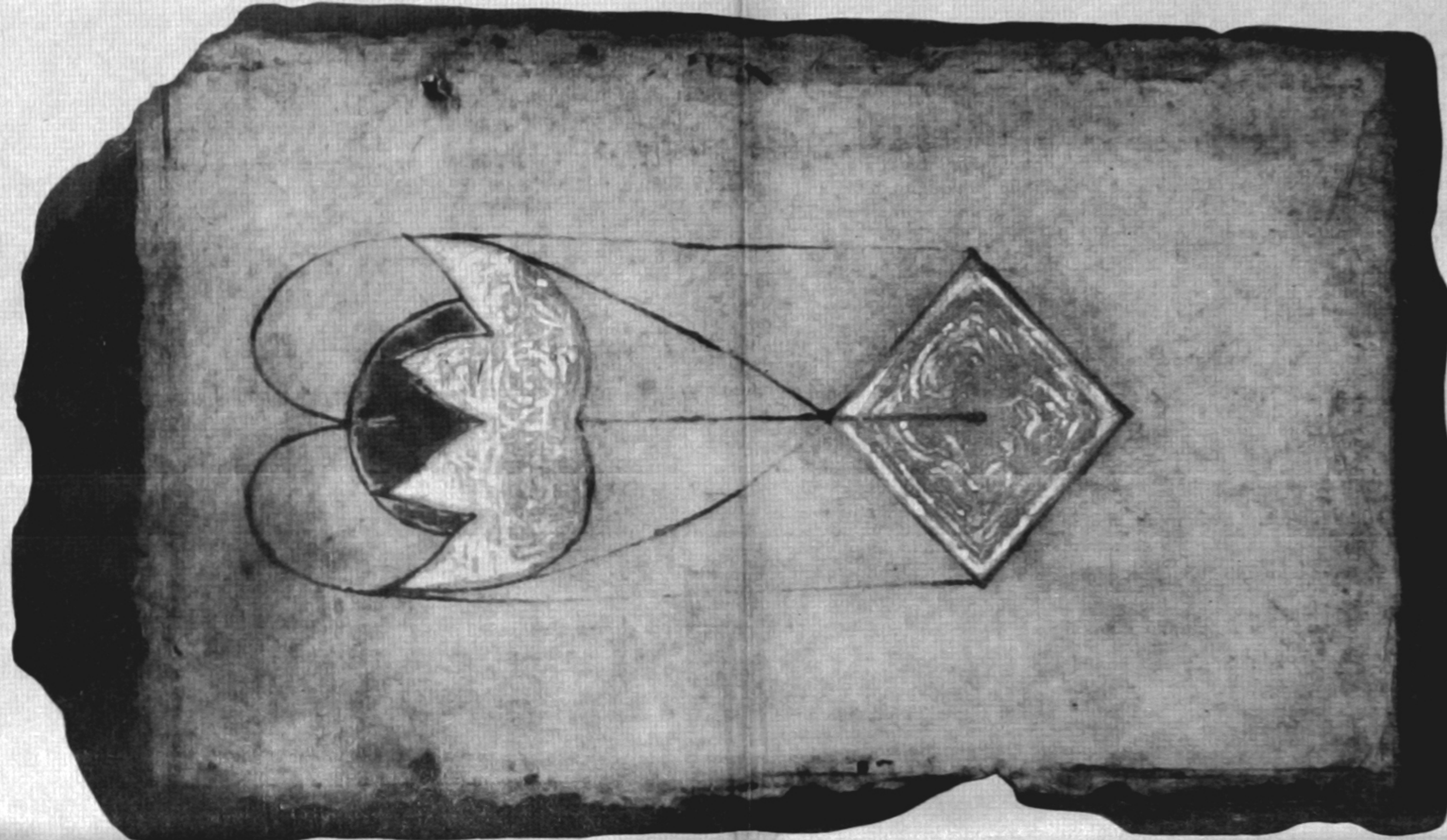
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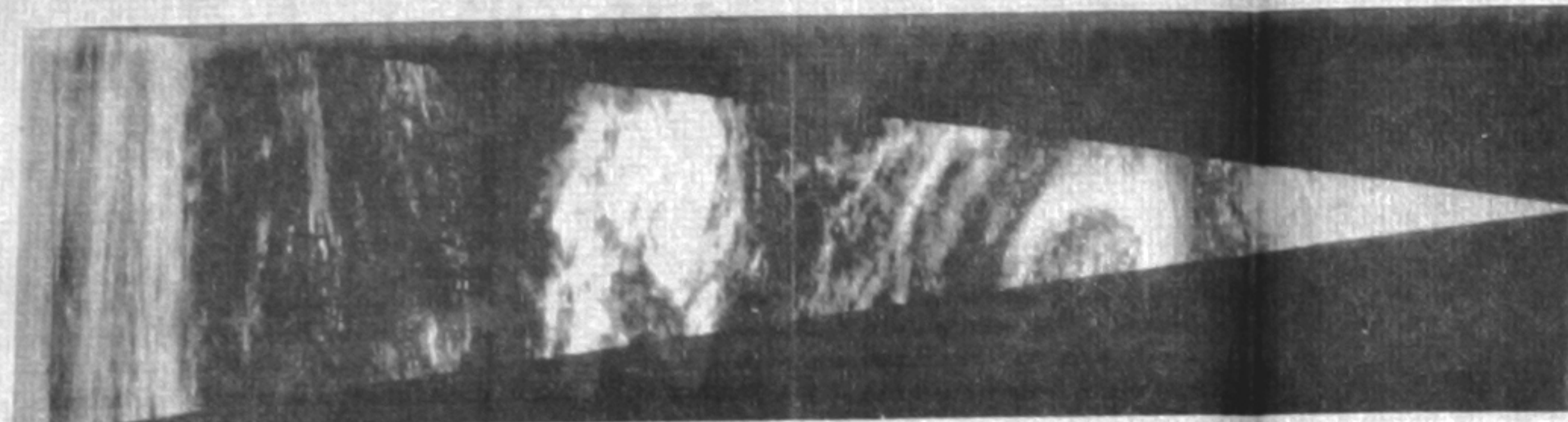
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A triangular section of Global Area Coverage data used as the pattern for the weaving test. Computer Transformation by Brian Jewett and Crystal Shaw, The National Center for Supercomputing Applications, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.



Kurdish weaver at the loom, handknitting the test rug for Degrees of Paradise. Photo: G. Jevremovic

EXHIBITIONS CURRENT

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"DEGREES OF PARADISE" will be installed in three separate spaces within STOREFRONT. The first installation will present a Tancric-like graphic painting of an atmospheric

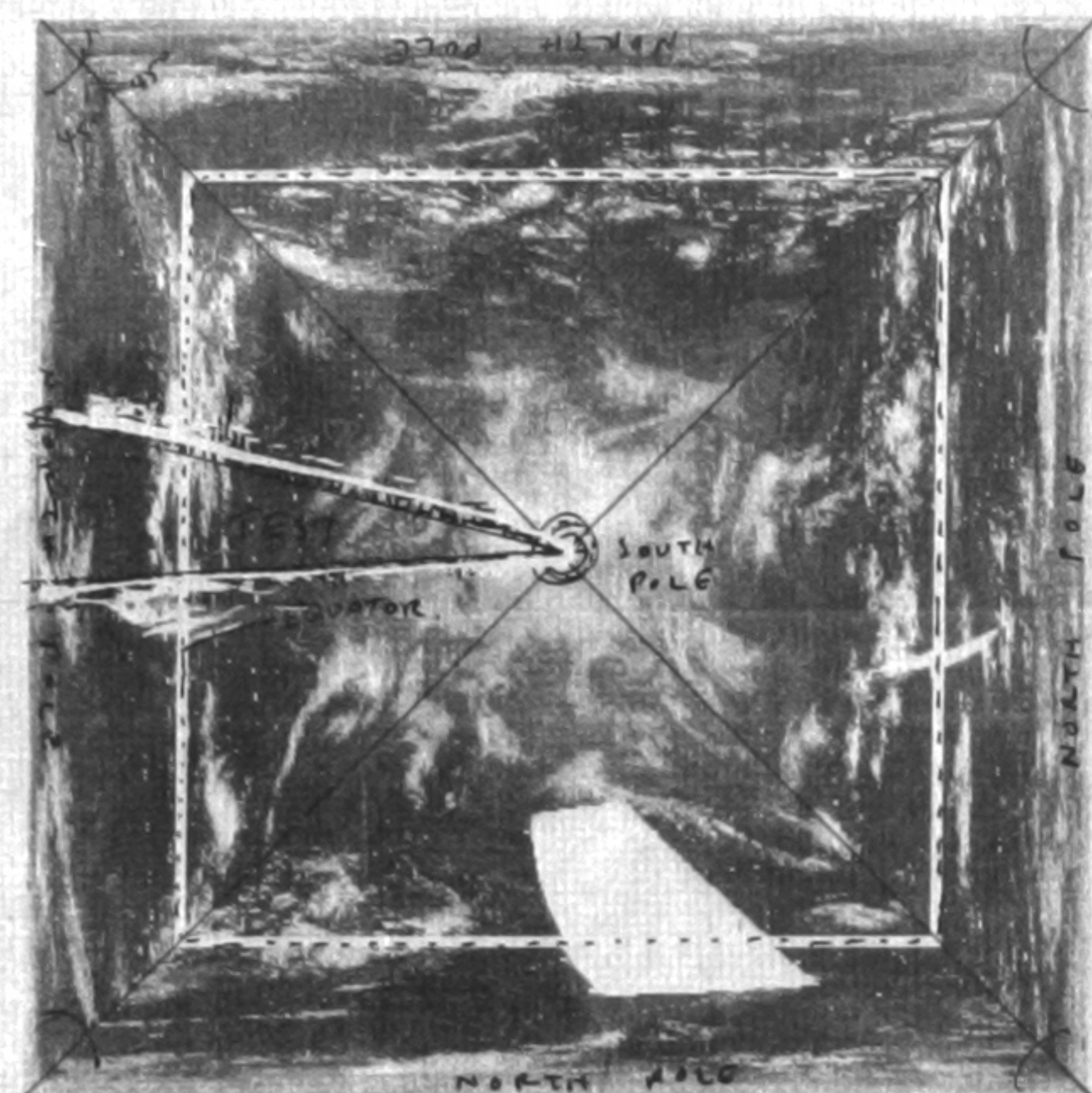
HEAVEN rug. The large rug will serve as a scale replica of our imperiled atmosphere.

Traditionally, rugs can be seen as giving identity to their makers while providing utility and comfort. Seeking to describe the relationship between humanity and the unseen destruction of the zone of comfort the ozone layer affords, Chin conceived of the rug as a sky/heaven metaphor through etymological, poetic relationships.

"Les nees s'amaiaient sur la haute mer l'ait d'une ermite de chaudes larmes" (A Rimbaud)

"The dreams are better, not so geometrical, so apt to turn everything...the air, the sky, to Persian rugs" (T. Pynchon)

With no desire to protect his subjective interpretation of the atmosphere onto the rug, Chin forged a partnership with physicists S. Lovejoy and F. Begin of McGill University in Montreal. Responding to Chin's request for a more accurate global model, Lovejoy and Begin utilized their work with multidimensional fractals to formulate **THE STATE OF HEAVEN** program, a radical and new interpretation of meteorological dynamics which is expected to advance understanding in the field of climatology and plate tectonics. The resulting final images will be returned to the weavers of Turkey to be reinterpreted in wool.



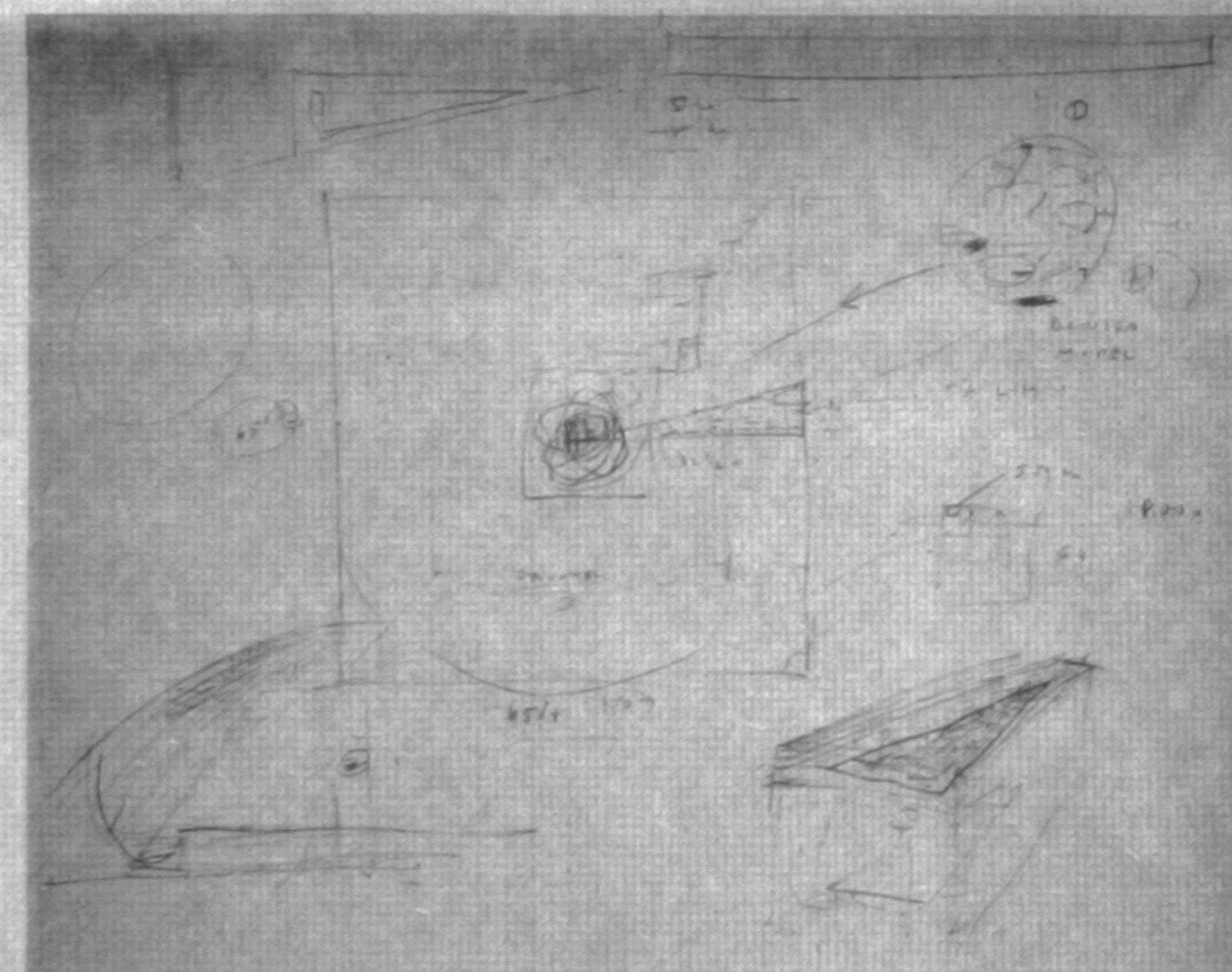
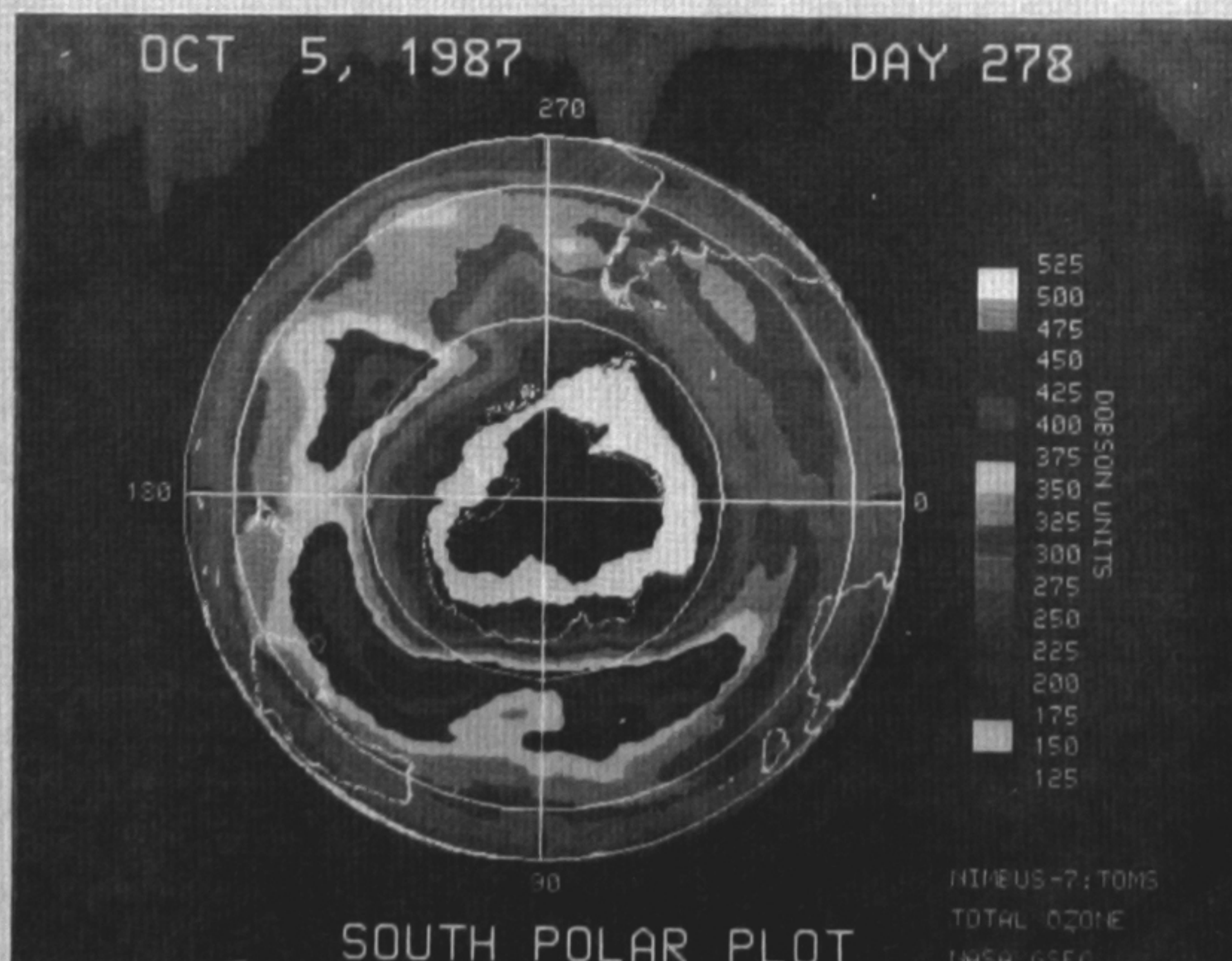
Mapped GAC (Global Area Coverage) from satellite data. A triangular section from this mapping extracted to be used as the pattern for the weaving of carpet. This was done to create a carpet that could be installed according to the triangular configuration of the STOREFRONT itself. Computer Transformation by NCSA, Urbana-Champaign.

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NIMBUS-7 "TOMS"
This Southern Hemisphere plot of total ozone distribution for October 5, 1987 shows a value of approximately 125 Dobson Units (DU) (black), the lowest ozone value ever observed. This plot also shows that the ozone hole is nearly half the area of Antarctica, an area covering approximately 7 million square kilometers (2.5 million square miles). This data was taken with the Total Ozone Mapping Spectrometer (TOMS) instrument on NASA's NIMBUS-7 satellite, which is managed by the Goddard Space Flight Center.



envelope unfolding as the petals of a fragile flower. The image is an abstraction of a topological formula to transform the surface of a sphere into a square. This formula was used to create a pattern for the rug. Immediately to the left and right of the painting will be entrances to two specially designed triangular galleries.

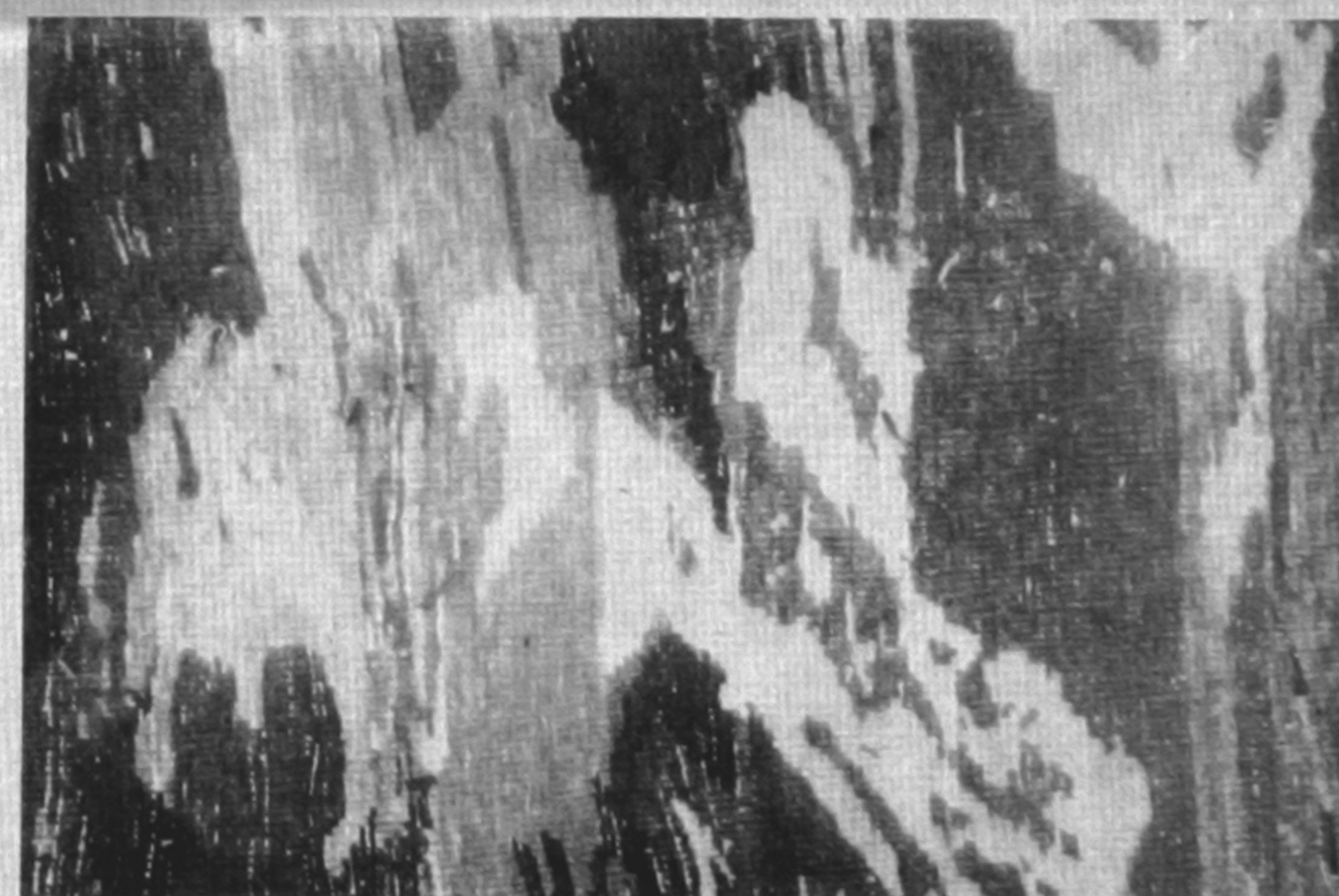
In one gallery, a 9ft. x 24ft. triangular "floating" carpet of hand knotted the naturally dyed wool will linger above the head of viewers. This "test" rug was woven by members of a traditional cottage industry in Damlaçik, Turkey. Its unorthodox pattern represents a slice of a larger squared image of global meteorological configurations taken from satellite data in April 1989 and processed by a Cray 2 supercomputer. The triangular rug was commissioned to assess the skills of the weavers, to sample the quality of the materials, and to test its a floating harness in actual installation. The method of suspension tested here will be used later in determining the final mechanism to be employed for a huge 66ft. x 66ft. **STATE OF**

THE STATE OF HEAVEN, as a multidimensional fractal program, will be prominently displayed in the second gallery through a canopy of monitors. Arranged in a triangular configuration which echo's the shape of the carpet, the video monitors will play back global images generated through the use of this program.

DEGREES OF PARADISE, however, is not limited to putting process on display, but is an artist's poetic method of describing and paying respect to the spectrum of his influences and collaborators. **DEGREES OF PARADISE** is a unique crosscultural interdisciplinary project which collectively describes and enlarges the methods available to understand and aid a non-visible part of our world.

Mel Chin is an artist whose work encompasses a wide range of critical issues in contemporary politics and ecological concerns of global dimensions, by attributing to the cultures and resources that are indigenous to these cultures (often in suppression or in danger of extinction.) Thus his work becomes complex fabric which counters the industrial and western view of domination and exploitation of regional and global interests. Born in Houston in 1951, and graduated from George Peabody College for Teachers in Nashville in 1975, his interest in esoteric cultures and unorthodox materials are the cornerstones of his art.

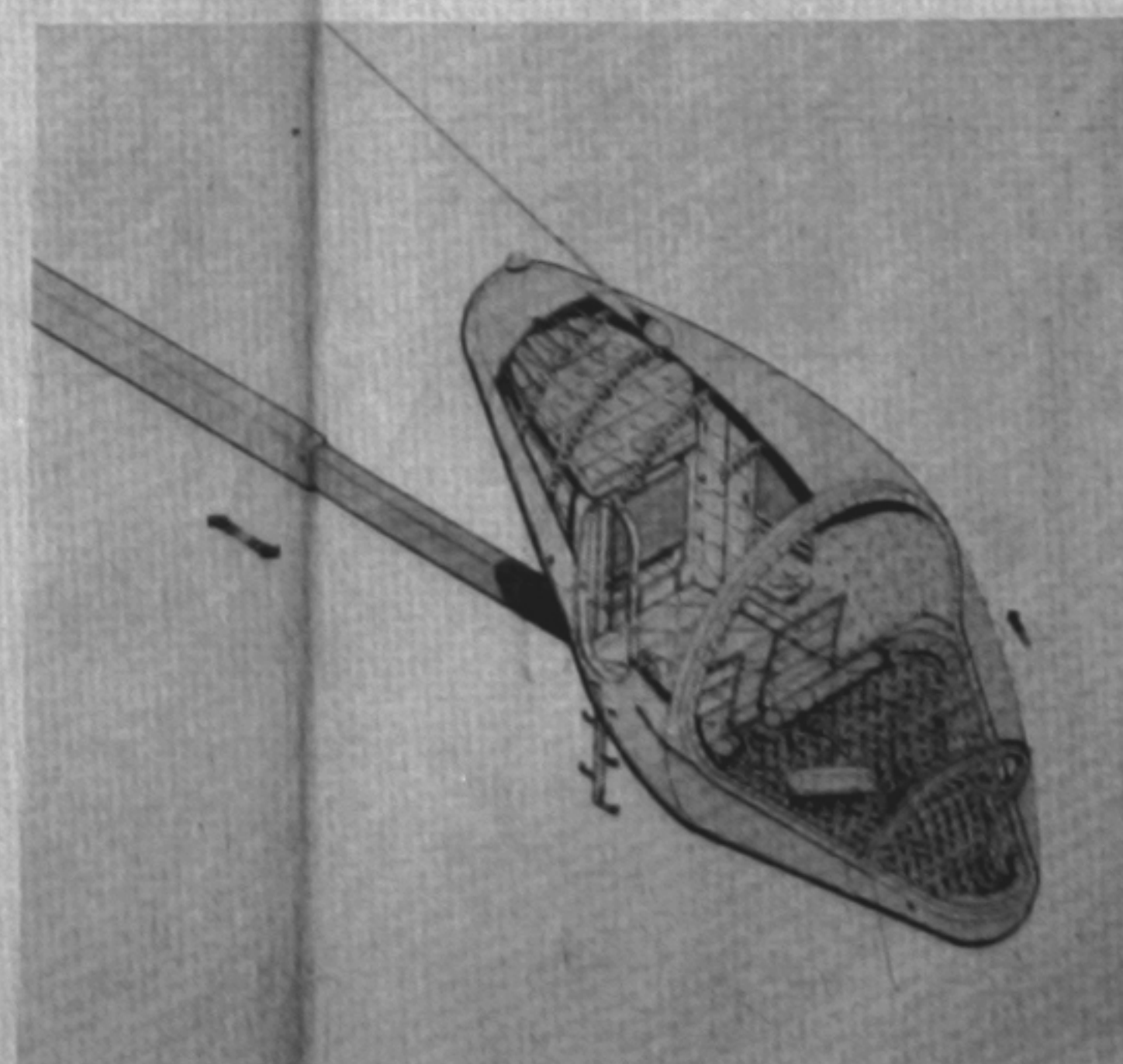
Some of his notable past works are: *The Sigh of the True Cross* (1988), based on the Ethiopian *masinqo*, or spike fiddle, was inspired by the Mengistu Haile-Mariam regime's expulsion of the Red Cross for providing food and medical aid to people living within areas controlled by Eritrean rebels; *The Opera of Silence* (1988), an oversized Beijing Opera drum propped on a traditional Tibetan trumpet made of a human thighbone, reminds us of the brutal crush of a 1959 Tibetan rebellion by the Chinese army, and even a possible CIA's training of the rebel forces; *The Extraction of Plenty from What Remains* (1988-89) consists of a horn made from banana-tree fiber over a Honduran mahogany, coated with mud, coffee, and dried blood, is squeezed between two immense broken columns that are replicas of the White House facade, symbolizing United States' manipulation of Central America since the issuing of the Monroe Doctrine in 1823; *Conditions for Memory*, originally installed in New York City's Central Park, is the bodies of Sea Mink, Heath Hen, Passenger Pigeon, and Labrador Duck set in



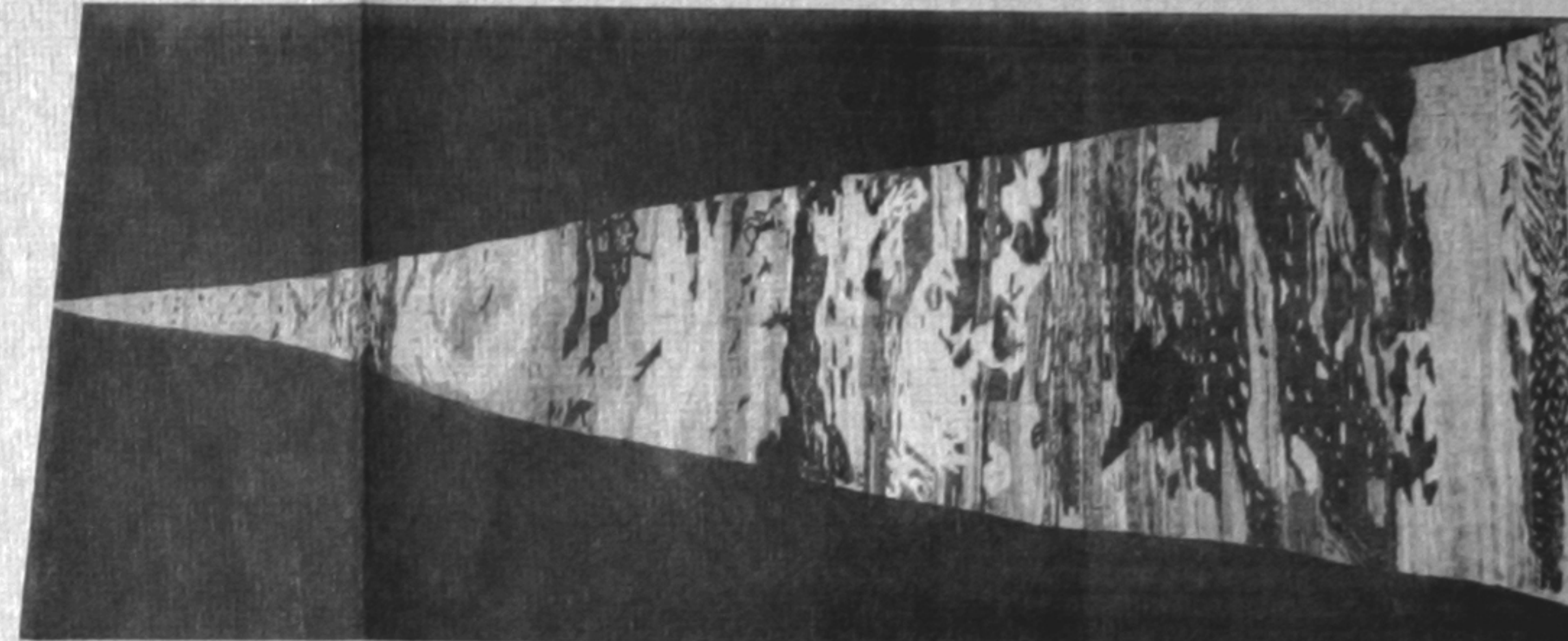
Carpet detail

The Opera of Silence, Mel Chin, 1988. Courtesy of Walker Art Center.

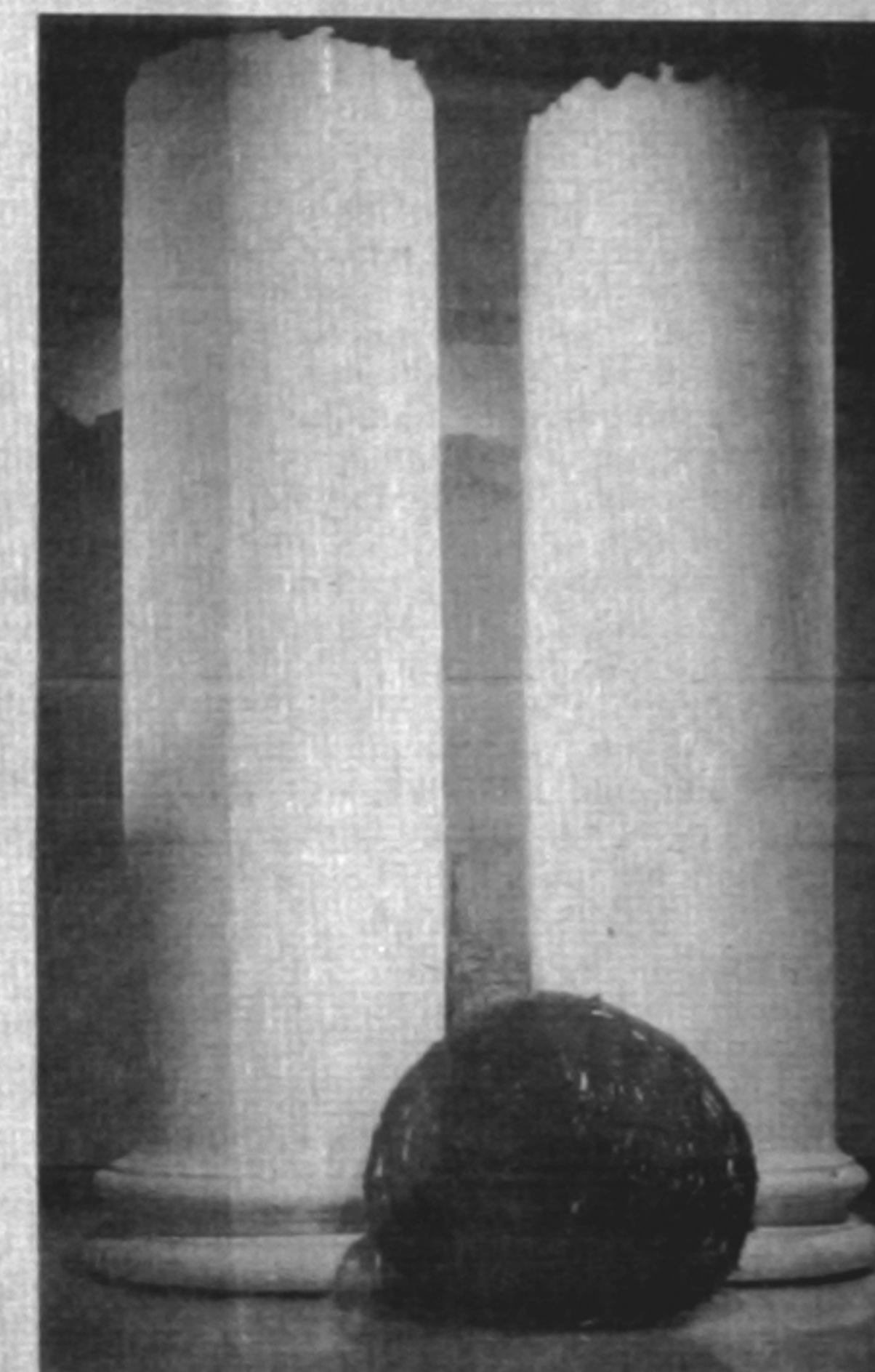
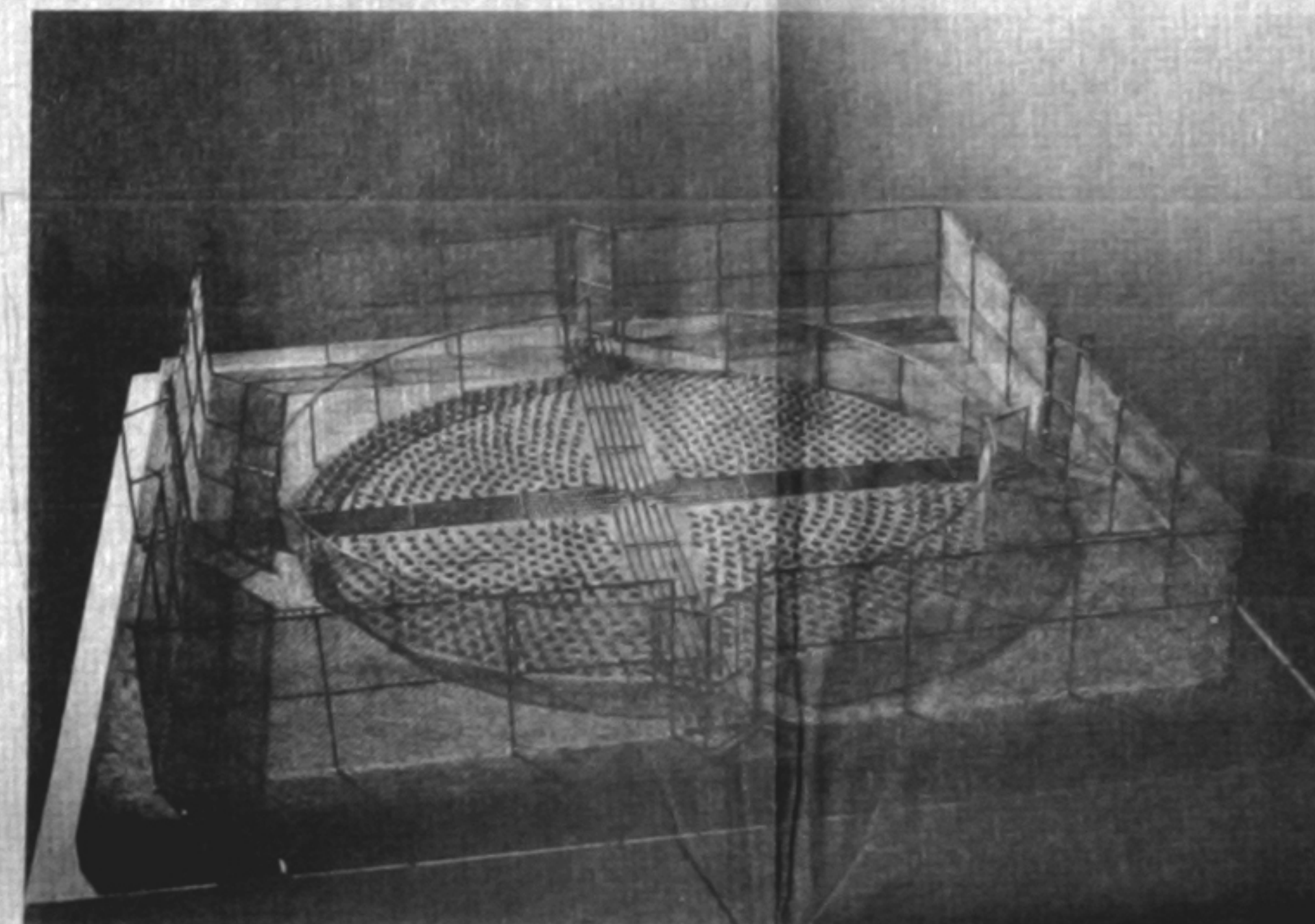
Feenut: Kinetic living for two people. FUTURE SYSTEM: 1984



Directions: Mel Chin, an exhibition of his recent works and projects, was presented at Hirschhorn Museum and Sculpture (1989), Walker Arts Center (1990), The Menil Collection, Houston (1991), and will be at The Contemporary Arts Center, Cincinnati (1991), and The Queens Museum in New York (1991-92).



Model of *Revival Field* which has been constructed and is growing as of June 1991 in Pig's Eye Landfill (a State Superfund Hazardous Waste Site) in Minnesota



The Extraction of Plenty From What Remains: 1823-. Mel Chin, 1988-1989.

FUTURE

New American Ghettos

by
Camilo Vergara
Nov 6-Dec 21, 1991

Mr. Vergara's photographic documentation of new urban ghettos in New York City will bring some critical questions upon the New York City's 10 year Housing Plan, which currently is the most ambitious plan to provide housing for the homeless and the communities under economic constraints. "While the number of units being made available and their costs have attracted much attention, there has been virtually no public discussion of types of communities emerging from this plan. Are these programs giving new life to destitute neighborhoods? Reinforcing existing ghettos? Or creating new ones?" Mr. Vergara's documentation of changes in urban landscapes shows there are indeed new ghettos forming, more comprehensive & institutional than the projects of the previous generation. The exhibit will present his photo documentation of the physical decay and the displacement of population in these new ghettos, not only in New York City but also in other major urban centers in America. They will be accompanied by analytical documentations and visualizations related to these photographs, produced by the architectural studio of Professor Richard Plunz at the Graduate School of Architecture at Columbia University. This exhibition will be a collaboration between STOREFRONT, Columbia University and The Municipal Art Society, the original sponsor of this project.

Future Systems Jan 14-Feb 15, 1992

Future Systems, an architectural studio working toward a celebratory marriage between technology and nature, can best be described as a laboratory to research and invent architectonic structure and material that can produce efficient, ecological and aerodynamic habitats. Based in London, Jan Kaplicky and Amanda Levete, with David Nixon in Los Angeles, Future Systems will present their first exhibition in New York, with a series of recent projects that are highly motivated by the shapes and materials from the shipbuilding, aircraft, spacecraft, and satellite. Their proposed terrestrial & space habitation and working environment invites a serious view as to how we may be sheltered in the 21st Century.